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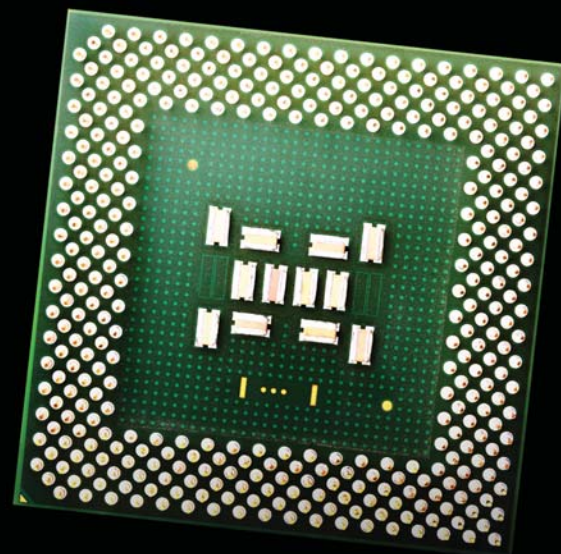
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A Mankato, Minn., man landed in jail after calling 911 and telling police a prostitute failed to deliver on his \$200 payment. The man called police from a motel Wednesday and told officers he agreed to pay the woman for sex, but that she took his cash without holding up her end of the deal. Both found themselves behind bars in the Blue Earth County Jail. (AP)

“I just don’t like Slater.”



— A MAN WHO SMASHED A FRAMED PHOTO OF A.C. SLATER, THE “SAVED BY THE BELL” CHARACTER PLAYED BY MARIO LOPEZ, THAT WAS HANGING ABOVE A URINAL AT MULLETS SPORTS BAR & RESTAURANT IN HOMER GLEN, ILL.

Wormhole Discovered In Prisoner’s Knickers

A woman spent three days in a Bloomington, Minn., jail with a shoplifted mink coat hidden in her underwear, CBS Minnesota reported. Stephanie Moreland was arrested on Dec. 31 when a saleswoman reported the theft of the \$6,500 coat from a fur store. Police caught up with Moreland but didn’t find the garment. She was searched for weapons, booked and locked up in the local jail. Three days later, when an investigator threatened to send her to a larger jail, she lifted her dress and pulled the coat from her underwear. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



COVERED WITH PINE BRANCHES and cow bells, a Silvesterchlaus (New Year’s Claus) walks toward a farm house in Urnaesch, Switzerland, on Thursday to wish the residents good luck for the new year (following the Julian calendar) . The Silvesterchlaus sings and dances, then gets food, drink or money. (AP)

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'Major Leap' Seen in Giffords' Progress

Doctors' optimism continues to grow for congresswoman

Tucson, Ariz.

Doctors treating Rep. Gabrielle Giffords said Thursday she has reached "a major milestone" medically with her ability to open her eyes and seemingly respond to her surroundings as she recovers from a gunshot wound to the head.

In a news conference at Uni-

versity Medical Center in Tucson, the doctors said they were pleased that Giffords, D-Ariz., opened her unbandaged left eye Wednesday night in response to the presence of friends from Congress.

Dr. Michael Lemole, the chief neurosurgeon, and Peter Rhee, the head of emergency care, said Giffords has also been able to sit on the edge of her bed and dangle her legs over the side, move her arms and legs, and open her eyes.

"This is a major leap forward," Lemole said. "This is a major mile-

stone for her, and we're hoping she crosses through many more."

Rhee said the congresswoman was keeping her eyes open Thursday morning for 10 to 15 minutes at a time.

"She's starting to become aware of her surroundings," Lemole said. "And that's a very important step."

Giffords, who remains in critical condition, was shot through the left side of her skull with a 9mm bullet and is one of five wounded patients who were still at the hos-

What's Next?



For Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, the removal of her breathing tube would be the next major milestone,

doctors said, because they could see whether she can talk and assess her verbal skills. The tube could be taken out in the next few days, and doctors said they hope to get Giffords to sit in a chair Friday. (TWP)

pital Thursday morning.

Six people were killed and 13 were wounded when a gunman opened fire Saturday as Giffords was holding an event at a Tucson supermarket. The suspect, Jared Loughner, 22, has been charged with murder and attempted murder.

Despite her progress, doctors remain concerned about such possible setbacks as blood clots and pneumonia.

"Going forward, we want to make sure she doesn't backslide," Lemole said. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

In Brief

NEW YORK

\$7.2B Deal OK'd to Ease Losses in Madoff Scam

A historic \$7.2 billion deal was approved Thursday to settle a lawsuit brought against the estate of one of the oldest and wealthiest clients of disgraced financier Bernard Madoff. U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Burton Lifland signed off on the deal at the urging of a court-appointed trustee seeking to recover funds for thousands of investors burned by Madoff's epic Ponzi scheme. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Postal Rates to Increase

Postal rates will go up April 17, but the 44-cent first-class stamp will remain the same. The Postal Service said Thursday that heavier letters will cost more. The basic rate is for the first ounce, and the price for each extra ounce will rise from 17 cents to 20 cents. (AP)

9/11 Flag Honors Youngest Victim of Ariz. Shootings



FIREFIGHTERS UNFOLD the American flag recovered from the World Trade Center towers before Christina-Taylor Green's funeral on Thursday in Tucson, Ariz. Green, 9, was born on Sept. 11, 2001, and was the youngest among the six people slain in Saturday's shooting rampage at a constituent event for Arizona Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. The 20-by-30-foot flag was hung outside St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, and hundreds of mourners lined the streets to witness the funeral procession.



Digital Debut: The nation's first online presidential archive was unveiled on Thursday, a collection from John F. Kennedy's presidency. The \$10 million project was undertaken by archivists at the Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, who digitized more than 200,000 pages, 1,200 recordings and 300 museum artifacts, as well as reels of film and hundreds of photographs. The library will continue digitizing about 100,000 pages a year. At that rate, it would still take more than 100 years to digitize all records from the Kennedy administration. (AP)

Hutchison Announces Intent to Retire in '12

Washington

Kay Bailey Hutchison, a Republican who was the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from Texas and has held the seat for nearly two decades, announced Thursday she will retire next year when her current term ends.

Hutchison said in a statement she would not seek re-election in 2012. In 2010, she challenged Gov. Rick Perry in the GOP primary for governor but lost.

Hutchison is the first senator to announce their retirement ahead of the 2012 election.

Hutchison's decision closes one of the more remarkable and eventful political careers in a state full of them, and it is also likely to prompt a bruising race for her replacement. (AP)

1.2M

The number of homes that foreclosure tracker RealtyTrac Inc. predicts will be repossessed this year. A record 1 million were lost in 2010, RealtyTrac said Thursday. (AP)

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Nation

Carrier's New Direction

New captain vows professionalism in wake of lewd videos

Norfolk, Va.

The new commander of the USS Enterprise on Thursday promised karaoke and video games to boost crew morale instead of the raunchy videos that cost one officer his command and forced another to delay his retirement.

Capt. Dee L. Mewbourne took over the storied nuclear-powered aircraft carrier less than two weeks after Capt. Owen Honors, 49, was relieved of his command for a "profound lack of good judgment and professionalism."

"We're going to set our standards high, and we're going to be professional in everything we do," Mewbourne said before the Enterprise's deployment to support troops in Afghanistan and elsewhere.

Crew members lined the carrier's rail Thursday as family members waved goodbye.

Many sailors aboard the ship at



Onlookers wave goodbye Thursday as the USS Enterprise departs from Norfolk, Va.

Backstory

The raunchy videos aboard the USS Enterprise that led to the disgrace of its commander, Capt. Owen Honors, were first reported by the Virginian-Pilot two weeks ago. The Navy said the videos, which aired in 2006 and 2007 and featured gay slurs and sailors in suggestive scenes, were intended for humor and halted after senior officers learned of them. Honors was reassigned to an administrative job. (AP)

the time Honors was No. 2 in command have defended him.

In an e-mail to the AP, machinist mate John Krzemien said "morale has definitely taken a hit" since Honors was relieved.

But family and crew said they had confidence in their new commander.

The Navy is looking into whether Honors was reprimanded when the videos were shown, and who among his superiors knew of the videos and what they did about them at the time. (AP)

FDA to Limit Key Drug Ingredient

Washington

Federal health regulators are limiting a key ingredient found in Vicodin, Percocet and other prescription painkillers that have been linked to thousands of cases of liver damage each year.

The Food and Drug Administration said Thursday it will cap the amount of acetaminophen in the drugs at 325 milligrams per capsule. Current products contain doses of up to 700 milligrams.

Acetaminophen is a ubiquitous pain reliever found in Tylenol, Nyquil and thousands of other medicines used to treat headaches, fevers and sore throats. The ingredient is also used at larger doses in prescription combination drugs

"Patients taking these products ... don't realize they are overdosing."

— DR. SANDRA KWEDER, FDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR NEW DRUGS, DISCUSSING THE FDA'S PLANS TO REDUCE A KEY INGREDIENT, ACETAMINOPHEN, FOUND IN PRESCRIPTION PAINKILLERS.

that mix it with narcotic drugs like oxycodone.

Those products are not dangerous by themselves but can cause toxic overdoses when patients combine them with a second acetaminophen-containing drug such as Tylenol.

Officials said the drugs will still be effective at lower doses. (AP)

Conservation

AN ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP

on Thursday gave notice that it intends to sue the federal government for what it considers a failure to protect habitat for polar bears from oil and gas development. The Center for Biological Diversity sent notice to the Interior Department, which is considering proposals to allow drilling in critical habitat areas off Alaska. (AP)



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In Brief

VATICAN CITY

Evidence Mounts for Pope John Paul II Beatification

Evidence is mounting that the pope will soon approve the miracle needed to beatify Pope John Paul II, setting the stage for a major celebration this year for a Catholic Church trying to recover from the clerical sex abuse scandal. Italian news media have been reporting that in recent weeks Vatican-sponsored panels confirmed that a young French nun was miraculously cured of Parkinson's disease after praying to John Paul. (AP)

DERA ISMAIL KHAN, PAKISTAN

Afghanistan Allegedly Fires at Pakistan, Kills 8

Mortars allegedly fired from Afghanistan hit a house in a militant-infested area of Pakistan on Thursday, killing eight people, officials said. The mortar attack occurred in Titi Mada Khel village in North Waziristan, part of Pakistan's lawless tribal area dominated by militants who regularly launch attacks against foreign troops in Afghanistan. (AP)

Mount Etna Erupts

CARMELLO IMBESIA/AP

LAVA OVERFLOWS on

Wednesday from the eastern rim of the erupting pit crater of Mount Etna in Sicily. The eruption sent a cloud of ash into the sky, forcing the overnight closure of a nearby airport. No one was injured.

Heavy Flooding in Brazil Kills 381

At least 50 people missing after waters decimate 3 towns

Eresopolis, Brazil

Walls of earth and water swept away homes in the mountains north of Rio de Janeiro, wiping out families and leaving survivors scrambling Thursday to reach still-trapped neighbors.

At least 381 people died in three Rio state towns after slides hit at about 3 a.m. Wednesday, and at least 50 people were still missing, officials said. Another 37 people had already died in floods and slides since Christmas in southeastern Brazil.

A tremendous rumble awoke Geisa Carvalho and her mother, Vania Ramos, as tons of earth slid down a sheer granite rock face onto their neighborhood. The power was out, but by lightning flashes they could see a torrent of mud and water rushing just a few feet from their home — and the remnants of their neighbors' houses that were swept far down a hill.



FELIPE DANA/AP

People walk among debris on Thursday after landslides hit Teresopolis, Brazil.

"We were like zombies, covered in mud, in the dark, digging and digging."

— **GEISA CARVALHO**, AFTER THE MUDSLIDES HIT THE MOUNTAIN AREA NORTH OF RIO DE JANEIRO WEDNESDAY AT 3 A.M.

"I don't even have the words to describe what I've seen," said Ramos, during a 5-mile hike to the main part of her town in search of food and water. "There are people we may never find."

Flooding and mudslides are common in Brazil when the summer rains come, but this week's slides were among the worst in recent memory. The disasters unduly punish the poor, who often live in rickety shacks perched perilously on steep hillsides.

Morgues in the cities were full, and bodies covered in blankets were laid out in streets. Officials said the area hit by slides had seen 10 inches of rain in less than 24 hours. More rain is forecast through the weekend. **JULIANA BARBASSA (AP)**

Tunisian President Faces Riots

Deadly clashes rise as leader implies he'll step down in 2014

Tunis, Tunisia

Tunisia's autocratic president, facing deadly riots that have rocked his nation, ordered prices on food staples slashed and suggested he will leave the presidency — but not until 2014.

President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, in a televised speech Thursday night, also pledged to end Internet censorship and to open up the political playing field in a country where he has allowed little public criticism for the past 23 years.

Protests Continue

Pent-up anger at unemployment, and at a leadership many see as controlling and corrupt, has exploded into protests and clashes with police over the past few weeks. At least 23 have been killed, possibly dozens more. A protester was fatally shot, and a journalist was hit in the leg by police gunfire Thursday as rioting youths clashed with authorities in Tunisia's capital, witnesses said. (AP)

The second day of violence in the heart of Tunis sharply escalated a conflict between protesters and an authoritarian government that appears more and more

willing to use force to put down its greatest challenge in at least a generation. Calling for a "cease-fire," Ben Ali told his nation, "I have understood you."

He said: "I won't accept that another drop of blood of a Tunisian be spilled." He said he had issued orders to the interior minister that no bullets be fired on protesters, unless security forces are under threat.

Significantly, he said the 75-year age limit on presidential candidates should remain untouched. That would mean Ben Ali, who is 74 and has never faced serious opposition for the presidency, would not be able to run for a sixth term in 2014. **BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA (AP)**

Discoveries

AFTER BABOONS PICKED a particular tangerine tree clean weeks before other tangerine trees were bearing fruit, South African farmer Alwyn van der



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Unsuck, the anonymous blogger behind Unsuck DC Metro, counts on fellow passengers to help him hold Metro accountable.

All Eyes on Metro

The blogger known as Unsuck gives voice to fellow riders' frustrations

It was the constantly rolling eyes of fellow passengers on the Orange Line that inspired the launch of Unsuck DC Metro (Unsuckdcmetro.blogspot.com).

"I realized that instead of having two eyes on what was happening, I could have thousands," says the federal employee behind the blog, which he started as simply a place for anyone to vent about disastrous commutes. But over the past two years, it's evolved into the go-to spot for leaked documents, juicy details about the inner workings of the transit system and captivating rider stories — ranging from the hilarious to the horrific.

Quite a few of the postings report bad employee behavior, including a driver texting while operating a train, a station manager sleeping on the job (literally) and a damning account of how maintenance personnel skip daily safety tests. That's led to several

threats, which is why the blogger feels more comfortable going by the name Unsuck. "I don't know why I decided to be anonymous, but I'm glad I did," he says, noting that his identity is known to the administrative staff at Metro.

What we can reveal about Unsuck is that he's a former journalist who runs the site — along with an incredibly prolific Twitter feed and Facebook page — entirely for fun. He doesn't consider himself on a mission: "Metro hasn't unsucked one bit since I started." And although he doesn't hold the system in high regard, he's happy to let people praise Metro on the site if they wish. But no one ever does.

Unsuck never expected to get leaks, but the occasional drip has turned into a flood. The hottest scoop so far: that Metro knew about its escalator woes a month before one malfunctioned and injured more than a dozen riders. He's developed enough inside sources to confirm the validity of the claims he receives,

and he stands behind what he publishes. "I've never had to put a correction on there," he says.

That's thanks to a lot of smart people who read the site and feed him information. Last week, he broke two stories that quickly dominated Metro news, and as he points out, both were due to readers. One was an account of a man getting beaten up at L'Enfant Plaza, which was quickly followed up by a statement from the Metro Transit Police Department promising to increase patrols. The other, about employees routinely using tunnels as bathrooms, came to light because someone sent him an overlooked passage from a public document that detailed the practice.

"Who would want to go through an inspector general's report? Most of it's pretty dry, although this was pretty wet," jokes Unsuck, who's been proved right. If you really want to flush out corruption and incompetence, nothing beats thousands of eyes. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)



METRO PULSE

With the Mayflower bar closing, where do you recommend politicians conduct their affairs?

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WASHINGTON
Longtime Community,
School Activist Dies at 63

 Veteran D.C. community and education activist William Lockridge, known for his determination and chronic impatience to get things done, died Jan. 12 of respiratory failure at George Washington University Hospital. The 63-year-old Lockridge had served on the District of Columbia State Board of Education since 1998. (THE WASHINGTON POST/AP)

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, MD.
Pr. George's Homicides
Up to 13 in as Many Days
Prince George's County police have identified a woman whose body was found along a roadside in Capitol Heights. Police identified the woman Wednesday as 51-year-old Alitha Mae Jenkins of Landover, Md. Jenkins' death was earlier ruled the 13th homicide in Prince George's County in 2011. (AP)

The Lotteries

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District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	5-2-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-5-4
Mid-day DC 4	5-3-3-2
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	9-8-9-0
Mid-day D.C. Five	7-7-0-6-7
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	9-9-6-4-5
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	2-3-28-29-34 (6)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	4-1-7
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-4-3
Mid-day Pick 4	8-1-4-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-2-8-1
Match 5 (Wed.)	2-11-17-21-34 (9)
Multi-Match (Mon.)	13-16-21-29-32-43

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	4-2-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-2-2
Mid-day Pick 4	8-9-6-3
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	7-1-6-3
Mid-day Cash 5	14-22-25-29-30
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	9-12-20-28-31
Win For Life (Wed.)	7-20-23-26-41-42 (38)

Multi-State Games

Powerball	19-21-23-40-48 (27)
Power Play	4X

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Metro Faces \$72M Budget Gap

Board considers sale of rail station naming rights to raise money

Washington

Metro's top executive presented a proposed operating budget of \$1.4 billion for fiscal 2012 to the agency's Board of Directors on Thursday, including a projected \$72 million budget gap that Interim General Manager Richard Sarles asked local jurisdictions to fill.

The proposal does not contain service cuts or fare increases for

the fiscal year that begins July 1. That is in contrast to the current budget, which included the largest fare increase in Metro's history: \$108 million in fare increases to address a \$189 million budget shortfall.

"I feel much better about this budget," said Metro Chief Financial Officer Carol Kissal said. "It's manageable."

Board of Directors Chairman Peter Benjamin of Maryland said it would be "difficult" for the jurisdictions that fund Metro operations in Maryland, Virginia and the District to come up with

Name Game

When news of Metro station naming rights' potentially being sold broke, Twitter users offered ideas:

- @Aerowaz Court Waffle House
- @tracytran Wil Wheaton Station from Thinkgeek
- @ThayerAvenue Mie N Yu Street/Cardozo Station
- @mjenkins Capitol One South
- @Evry1LovesChris New York & Company Ave
- @PJOinDC Hidden Valley Branch Ave

\$72 million. "You have put in front of us a series of unpalatable choices," Benjamin said.

Kissal outlined other options for closing the budget gap, including selling the right to name Metro stations for projected revenue of as much as \$2 million and negotiating lump-sum advance payments for property it leases to others that could raise as much as \$50 million on a one-time basis.

Another factor in cost increases in the 2012 budget was higher overtime expenses — estimated at \$7.3 million — because of a shortage of bus drivers. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Tree Huggers, Sun Worshipers Battle in Md.

Takoma Park, Md.

The modest gray house in Takoma Park was nearly perfect, from Patrick Earle's staunchly environmentalist point of view. It was small enough for wood-stove heating, faced the right way for good solar exposure and, most important, was in a liberal suburb that embraces all things ecological.

Or almost all. When Earle and his wife, Shannon, recently sought to add solar panels to the house, which they have been turning into a sustainability showplace, the couple discovered that Takoma Park values something even more than new energy technologies: big, old trees.

When they applied to cut down a partially rotten 50-foot silver maple that overshadowed their roof, the Earles ran into one of the nation's strictest tree-protection ordinances. Under the law, the town arborist would approve removing the maple only if the couple agreed to pay \$4,000 into a city tree-replace-



The Earles on the stump of an unhealthy maple they cut down to install solar panels.

"I knew Takoma Park had strong tree laws, but I had no idea they'd require me to plant a small forest ... for one tree."

— PATRICK EARLE, TAKOMA PARK RESIDENT

ment fund or plant 23 saplings on their own.

Now the case has turned into a potentially bough-breaking debate between sun worshippers and tree huggers, two formidable branches of the city's sizable environmental community. Takoma Park City

Council members, who are considering revising the 1983 tree-protection law, listened Monday night as otherwise like-minded activists vied to claim the green high ground.

"Let's not go down this path," resident and retired Environmental Protection Agency biologist Bruce Sidwell said Monday night. "Let's remain a tree city."

The clash between sun and shade in Takoma Park was inevitable as solar power becomes more viable and younger activists more eager to adopt it, said Steve Davies, a local blogger and former member of a city environmental task force.

Earl then scoured the city code and realized he could use fewer larger new trees to satisfy the law and that they could be planted anywhere within city limits. His total cost: \$667.

"I bought the cheapest trees I could to meet the requirement," said Earle, who had his solar panels installed in the fall. "It was better than \$4,000 but a lot of work."

STEVE HENDRIX (THE WASHINGTON POST)



Historic Heads: The Washington National Cathedral is adding two stone carvings to its structure to depict civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks and Mother Teresa. The sculptures are expected to be completed by Easter. They were sculpted by Chas Fagan, of Charlotte, N.C., and will be carved by cathedral stone carver Sean Callahan. Cathedral Dean Samuel Lloyd says the women were selected for their contributions to human rights and social justice. (AP)

Are We in Jeopardy?

Game show offers a glimpse of what's to come as artificial intelligence develops

Yorktown Heights, N.Y.

The clue: It's the size of 10 refrigerators, has access to the equivalent of 200 million pages of information and knows how to answer in the form of a question.

The correct response: "What is the computer IBM developed to become a 'Jeopardy!' whiz?"

Watson, which IBM claims as a profound advance in artificial intelligence, edged out game-show champions Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter on Thursday in its first public test, a short practice round ahead of a million-dollar tournament that will be televised next month.

Later, the human contestants made jokes about the "Terminator" movies and robots from the future. Indeed, four questions into the round you had to wonder whether the rise of the machines was already upon us — in a trivial sense at least.

Watson tore through a category about female archaeologists, repeatedly activating a mechanical button before either Ken Jennings or Brad Rutter could buzz in, then nailing the questions: "What is Jericho?" "What is Crete?"

Its gentle male voice even scored a laugh when it said, "Let's finish 'Chicks Dig Me.'"

Jennings, who won a record 74-consecutive "Jeopardy!" games in 2004-05, then salvaged the category, winning \$1,000 by identifying the prehistoric human skeleton Dorothy Garrod found in Israel: "What is Neanderthal?"

He and Rutter, who won a record of nearly \$3.3 million in prize money, had more success on questions about children's books and the initials "M.C.," though Watson knew about "Harold and the Purple Crayon" and that



KEN JENNINGS

Jennings won a record 74-consecutive "Jeopardy!" games in 2004-05, earning him the highest American game show winnings record. Jennings, who lives outside Seattle, Wash., spurred by his game show experiences, wrote a book about American trivia history and culture, "Brainiac: Adventures in the Curious, Competitive, Compulsive World of Trivia Buffs" in 2006.

WATSON

Watson, named for IBM founder Thomas J. Watson, has been programmed to sift through troves of information and master the complexities of human language that would confound a normal computer. For instance, Watson must be smart enough to know whether it's too risky to guess on an answer — a crucial skill for a game show that fills its clues with hints and jokes.

BRAD RUTTER

Rutter, of L.A., is the biggest all-time winner, with a record of nearly \$3.3 million. Rutter became the undefeated champion of "Jeopardy!" in 2000 and has a slew of tournament titles to tout: the 2001 Tournament of Champions, the Million Dollar Masters Tournament and the Ultimate Tournament of Champions. He beat Jennings and Jerome Vered in the finals of his third tournament.

"What Watson does and has demonstrated is the ability to advance the field of artificial intelligence by miles."

— JOHN KELLY III, IBM'S DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH, ON THE COMPUTER, DEFEATED ITS TWO HUMAN OPPONENTS DURING A PRACTICE GAME OF "JEOPARDY!" ON THURSDAY.

it was Maurice Chevalier who sang "Thank Heaven for Little Girls" in the film "Gigi." The computer pulled in \$4,400 in the practice round, compared with \$3,400 for Jennings and \$1,200 for Rutter.

Watson is powered by 10 racks of IBM servers running the Linux operating system. It's not connected to the Internet but has digested encyclopedias, dictionaries, books, news, movie

scripts and more.

The system is the result of four years of work by IBM researchers around the globe, and although it was designed to compete on "Jeopardy!" the technology has applications well beyond the game, said John Kelly III, IBM director of research. He said the technology could help doctors sift through massive amounts of information to draw conclusions for patient care, and

could aid professionals in a wide array of other fields.

The practice round was played on a stage at an IBM research center in Yorktown Heights, 38 miles north of Manhattan and across the country from the game show's home in Culver City, Calif. A real contest among the three, to be televised Feb. 14-16, will be played at IBM on Friday.

In a question-and-answer session with reporters after the practice round, Rutter and Jennings made joking reference to the jump in technology Watson represents. "When Watson's progeny comes back to kill me from the future," Rutter said, "I have my escape route planned just in case."

DAVID R. MARTIN, JIM FITZGERALD (AP)

Man vs. Machine

Jeopardy isn't the only game where it looks like computers have the upper hand:



Chess

In 1996 and 1997, IBM's Deep Blue supercomputer played a series of matches against Russian grandmaster Garry Kasparov. While Kasparov easily won in 1996, the 1997 rematch showed that the computer had clearly advanced ahead of its human opponent.



Rubik's Cube

In 2010, the Rubot II was featured in the Guinness Book of World Records, certified as the world's fastest Rubik's Cube-solving robot. Its creator, Pete Redmond, told Make Magazine that the humanoid robot can solve puzzles in 25 seconds.

Sudoku

Earlier this week, Google released a new version of its mobile application Google Goggles, which can solve sudoku puzzles based on only a picture of the puzzle. A promotional clip shows the app defeating 2009 U.S. sudoku champion Tammy McLeod.

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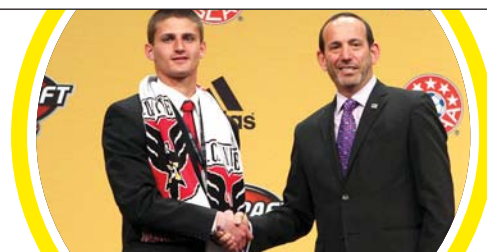


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TV Lineup



Rafael Nadal aims for his fourth-straight major title at the Australian Open.

Friday

7 P.M. The Capitals take on the Vancouver Canucks. CSN

8 P.M. In the weekly Friday NBA doubleheader, the San Antonio Spurs host the Dallas Mavericks, and the Portland Trail Blazers tip off against the Phoenix Suns. ESPN

Saturday

NOON Can Georgetown's basketball team snap out of its funk against Rutgers? ESPN

1 P.M. Maryland visits Villanova in a nonconference hoops contest. CBS

2 P.M. Virginia aims to hand Duke a second-straight loss in the ACC. ESPN

4 P.M. Local prep hoops power DeMatha plays St. Anthony (N.J.) in Springfield, Mass. ESPN

4:30 P.M. The Ravens face the Steelers for a spot in the AFC title game. CBS

7 P.M. The Wizards host the Toronto Raptors. CSN

8 P.M. The Falcons host the Packers in the NFC divisional playoffs. Fox

Sunday

6:30 A.M. The Australian Open gets started in Melbourne. ESPN2

1 P.M. The Seahawks can reach .500 and gain a spot in the NFC title game with a win against the Bears. Fox

3 P.M. The Capitals host the Ottawa Senators in a matinee. CSN

4:30 P.M. The Jets and Patriots stop talking and play their playoff game. CBS

Steelers QB Nose Best

Despite taking big hits, Roethlisberger has Ravens' number

Pro Football

Ben Roethlisberger has a knack for beating the Baltimore Ravens.

The Ravens have tried just about everything to slow the Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback — even breaking his nose — but they haven't been able to break his spirit. Roethlisberger is 8-2 as a starter against Baltimore and has won six-straight



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games since 2006.

Last month, albeit accidentally, Ravens defensive tackle Haloti Ngata broke Roethlisberger's nose on the Steelers' opening series. Roethlisberger shrugged off the injury, played the entire game and threw the decisive touchdown pass in Pittsburgh's 13-10 victory.

The Steelers and Ravens meet again Saturday in the second round of the playoffs. It will be the third game of the season between the



Geoff Burke/Getty Images

Ben Roethlisberger shook off a broken nose to defeat the Ravens last month.

AFC North rivals, and Baltimore's hopes of winning hinge heavily upon stopping Roethlisberger.

"We're going to get after him like we always do," coach John Harbaugh said. "That's the key to stopping him: You've got to get him down. You can't let him extend plays."

The 6-foot-5, 241-pound Roethlisberger looks more like a tight end than a quarterback, and he would rather run through a tackler than slide to a halt. In that December game against the Ravens, he

entered with an injured right foot and left with a shattered nose, yet still got the job done in a game that propelled Pittsburgh to the division title.

"I was glad we broke his nose," Harbaugh said with a wry grin, "and I was very impressed he played through it. Obviously, you can throw very effectively with a broken nose. He proved that."

Baltimore has defeated Pittsburgh three times over the past four seasons, and in each instance Roethlisberger missed the game.

Hard Hits

Blame Game

After he struggled to the sideline last month in Baltimore, Ben Roethlisberger stuffed a couple wads of cotton in his nose and prepared for the next series. Back on the field, he mistakenly blamed Ravens tackle Kelly Gregg for the hard hit. It was an oversight he intends to make amends for Saturday. "I was joking about how I was going to send him the bill," he said. "No way was it on purpose." (AP)

Now Roethlisberger is eager to extend a winning streak against the Ravens that he finds as perplexing as a Chinese crossword puzzle. "I don't think there's any magic recipe other than I guess I'm lucky," Roethlisberger said.

Big Ben has mixed feelings about facing the Ravens. He enjoys the intensity of the heated rivalry, but winning is never easy.

"As a competitor, you love it. But, heck, no; I hate playing the Ravens, because they're so good," he said. DAVID GINSBURG (AP)

NFL Weekend

PACKERS AT FALCONS | If Green Bay (11-6) had been able to run the ball in the 20-17 loss at the Georgia Dome on Nov. 28, it likely would have beat Atlanta in the team's first meeting. But the Packers were held to 77 yards rushing, with quarterback **Aaron Rodgers** the leader with 51. In going 13-3 for home-field advantage in the NFC, the Falcons ranked just 16th on offense and 16th on defense but led the NFC with a plus-14 turnover margin, including a conference-low 17 giveaways. 8 P.M., FOX, SATURDAY



SEAHAWKS AT BEARS | If the Seahawks cared about what oddsmakers think, they'd see that for the second-straight week they are decided underdogs, even after pulling off a stunning upset last weekend. They can always look back to their Oct. 17 game against the Bears, when the Seahawks won 23-20 at Soldier Field, sending Chicago to its second loss in a 1-3 stretch that nearly ruined its season. 1 P.M., FOX, SUNDAY

JETS AT PATRIOTS | This will be Patriots QB Tom Brady's first postseason game since the worst one in a career in which he is 14-4 in the playoffs with three Super Bowl wins. He hasn't talked much about whether that loss motivates him, but he appears more driven this season. He's thrown 36 touchdown passes and only four interceptions, just one more than the Ravens picked off in last year's 33-14 loss. 4:30 P.M., CBS, SUNDAY

Terps in Search of a Big Win

Moral victories grow old for team that has come up just short

Terps Hoops

In November, Maryland lost to No. 4 Pittsburgh and No. 16 Illinois on back-to-back nights.

The losses stung, of course, but coach Gary Williams was encouraged. His young team, still learning to play without its top three scorers from last season, had showed grit and potential and kept the games



Maryland fell short against Pittsburgh, left, and now coach Gary Williams is searching for a marquee win for the team's NCAA bid.



Down Conference

ACC teams have won the last two national championships, and Duke may well win its second-consecutive national title this season. But after receiving no less than six NCAA tournament invites the past two seasons, the ACC could get as few as three even in an expanded tournament field. Aside from Duke, which lost its first game Wednesday, the only other ACC teams in the top 50 of the RPI are North Carolina (22), Boston College (32) and Miami (37).

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

team to get its first league win. But a real chance for the Terrapins (11-5, 1-2 ACC) to shake the "not quite good enough" label comes Saturday at No. 7 Villanova (15-1), their second top 10 opponent in a week.

"You have to get your team up to a level where they're competitive," Williams said. "We were there [against Duke]. That's a good sign, but we have to win games."

Maryland's strength in recent games has been its defense. The Terrapins forced 16 turnovers against Duke and held the Blue Devils' sharpshooters to just 6 of 21 from 3-point range. On Wednes-

day, Maryland limited Wake Forest to 55 points, its lowest output at home in more than a decade.

Williams credited the defensive resurgence to a stretch where the Terrapins played only three times during a two-week span, freeing him up to do some teaching.

"We could focus on us rather than now where we are just getting ready for the next game," he said. "You can't play good defense unless players are willing to sacrifice, ... We've got people that are willing to do that, and it was just a matter of figuring that out."

DEREK TURNER



competitive. The same was true when the Terrapins lost a tight game to Boston College in their ACC opener in December.

"You learn some things playing against Illinois, Pittsburgh, Boston College," Williams said. "Hopefully, we've been able to take that and get better as we've gone a long."

But by Sunday when Maryland lost another tough one, this time to No. 1 Duke, the moral victory thing was starting to get old.

Maryland recovered Wednesday, beating a struggling Wake Forest

Swengali

The Joke's on the NFL With Seattle

Surely, any sports fan with a sense of humor is cheering for the Seattle Seahawks this weekend.

The NFC West champions are one win away from reaching the NFC Championship, and — oh, by the way — a .500 record. Even better, if Seattle and



By Matt Swenson

Green Bay both win this weekend, the conference title game will be hosted by the Seahawks. Yes, the team that reached the postseason with a 7-9 record.

Last week, there was a fair amount of discussion about the need for the NFL to revamp its playoff system because of the Seahawks debacle. While such talk died down with Seattle's win over the Super

The Seahawks proved the old adage about 'any given Sunday' with their win.

Bowl champion New Orleans Saints, maybe those critics had a point.

The NFL is more interested in increasing its regular season to 18 games. Maybe the league should ditch that idea and focus on expanding the playoffs. It should just let every team in.

The sanctity of the playoffs is long gone now that Seattle even made the playoffs with a losing record. Their continued run also adds the mockery.

But the Seahawks proved the old adage about "any given Sunday" with their win, even though it was on a Saturday. The bad teams can beat the good teams, and it seems unfair to let Seattle get special treatment this year.

My idea is ridiculous — but then again, so is the chance that the Seahawks will be playing at home next week for a spot in the Super Bowl.



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Redskins GM Plays Coy About Team's Plans

The Redskins

Redskins general manager Bruce Allen never says much, unless he's talking about the franchise's history or his work with alumni players.

So, here's a question for him: At what point does he expect Donovan McNabb and Albert Haynesworth to become Redskins alumni?

Allen laughed heartily and answered: "No time soon."

Allen spent 30 minutes in a rare session with the team's beat writ-

ers Thursday and, as usual, didn't reveal much. He wouldn't discuss the team's plans for McNabb or Haynesworth, wouldn't talk about how the impending lockout might affect the team's offseason plans. He instead offered gems such as: "I can't tell you how happy I am with the attitude of the football team."

Despite his title, Allen isn't the person in charge of player personnel matters at Redskins Park. That authority belongs to coach Mike Shanahan, who also holds the title of executive vice president. Allen

comes across more as an ambassador-at-large, a connection to the team's glory days that began when his father, George Allen, was coach in the 1970s.



Allen

Allen watched from afar over the last two decades as the Redskins became known more for ridicule than for winning. He and Shanahan were supposed to reverse that trend and bring a new pro-

fessionalism and respect to the franchise.

So far, not so good. The Redskins finished 6-10 and bore the brunt of nationwide embarrassment in disputes with Haynesworth and McNabb, their two highest-profile players.

Allen tried to downplay the dramas. When asked about the team's image in general, he said: "We made some progress. We're not where the Redskins and the fans have been in the past. But that's our goal."

JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

In Brief



Lawrence Taylor must register as a sex offender and serve six years' probation.

PRO FOOTBALL
Ex-LB Taylor Sentenced In Prostitution Case

Former NFL star Lawrence Taylor, 51, pleaded guilty Thursday to sexual misconduct and patronizing a prostitute, misdemeanor charges that carry no jail time but require him to register as a sex offender. The ex-linebacker, who led the New York Giants to Super Bowl titles in 1987 and 1991, will serve six years' probation. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL
Denver Names Fox Coach

Denver hired John Fox on Thursday, hoping he's the right coach to turn around the team. The former Carolina Panthers coach will replace Josh McDaniels, who was fired Dec. 6 amid the Broncos' worst slide in four decades and the Spygate II videotaping scandal. (AP)

PRO FOOTBALL
Rams' Shurmur to Join Cleveland as Head Coach

Pat Shurmur, St. Louis' offensive coordinator the past two years, was hired Thursday by Cleveland, ending a search for their fifth coach since 1999 that began when Mike Holmgren fired Eric Mangini on Jan. 3 after his second straight 11-loss season. (AP)

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
LSU Assistant Resigns To Join Maryland Staff

LSU offensive coordinator Gary Crowton on Thursday resigned from LSU and said he'll take a similar post at Maryland with new Terrapins coach Randy Edsall, who he coached with at Boston College in the early 1990s. (AP)

Capitals Are Missing the Points

In No. 1 Vancouver, Washington finds a familiar-looking foe

Commentary

This season's version of last season's Washington Capitals will visit Verizon Center Friday night, sporting Vancouver Canucks jerseys and the best record in hockey. For the Capitals and their fans, it may be a nostalgic look at what once was. A year ago today, the Caps were 28-12-6, with 62 points and a plus-39 goal differential. The Canucks entered last night's game against the Rangers with a 28-8-6 record, 62 points and a plus-43.

"They're a mirror image of what we were doing at this time last year," coach Bruce Boudreau said.

But when the Capitals look in the mirror this season, they see a team that is not scoring goals, in droves.

A year ago today the Capitals had 171 goals; today they have 126. Their differential this year: plus-10.

The lack of scoring, and the



The Capitals have struggled to repeat their prolific goal-scoring of years past.

related lack of scoring first, are major topics of conversation among the Capitals and their increasingly worried fans. After all, just seven points separate Washington, fifth overall in the Eastern Conference, from Carolina, which occupies the dreaded No. 9 spot.

What a perfect time to face the red-hot Canucks, who were 13-5-3 on the road this season going into last night's game in New York.

So what's the game plan? Mike Green — one of a baker's dozen Caps on the ice Thursday for an optional practice — knew he was singing an

old refrain, but sang it anyway.

"To get a good start and score that first goal," he said with a rueful smile. "We've been playing well defensively, holding [opponents]



to one or two goals a game, but we need to come out and have better starts and get that goal and hold on to that lead. When we've done that we've been very successful."

Very true — the Caps are 12-1-4

this season when scoring the first goal and 11-0-4 when leading after the first period. It's getting that first goal or that first-period lead that's been so problematic.

It's no secret that after last season's ignominious first-round exit from the playoffs, the Caps installed a new system that emphasizes

"This team has always been a high-scoring team, and we've been struggling."

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defense. It is less drastic than the Redskins' switch from a 4-3 to a 3-4, but the impact on the team has been no less disruptive.

One casualty has been scoring — 45 fewer goals is not insignificant. Fewer goals in turn means fewer first goals, which in turn means the Caps are often playing from behind, needing more offense from a system that emphasizes defense.

"I don't know that it's a bad thing," Green said of the switch. "I think once we find that balance between offense and defense and get scoring goals again we'll be a good, dangerous hockey team."

(THE WASHINGTON POST)

United Beefs Up Defense With Draft Picks

Major League Soccer

Despite setting an MLS record for offensive futility in 2010, D.C. United decided to focus on defense at Thursday's league draft in Baltimore.

With its first pick, the third overall, D.C. selected University of Akron freshman defender/midfielder Perry Kitchen. With its second pick, the 31st overall, United chose Kitchen's Zips teammate, senior defender Chris Korb.

The pair formed the backbone

of an Akron team that has lost just once in the past two years, and finished 2010 as NCAA champion. They bring a winning mentality, and the sort of grit, that attracted D.C. coach Ben Olsen. "You can't just go out and knock the ball around. You need guys who know how to roll up their sleeves. I think we got two of those guys today," he said.

"Our defense right now is, I think where it's going to be. I think we can kind of focus on some other areas now on this group."

D.C. recently acquired veteran



Perry Kitchen's "intangibles are out of this world," GM Dave Kasper says.

forwards Josh Wolff and Joseph Ngwenya, but remain in the market for a high-quality finisher.

United traded for a third pick and chose University of Denver goalkeeper Joe Willis.

GM Dave Kasper was thrilled and "shocked" that Kitchen, a member of the U.S. under-20 national team, was still available. "He's a complete player. His intangibles are out of this world. He's a leader. He's got special qualities that not a lot of kids have," Kasper said.

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How did you get into the antiques business?

I grew up in a Sears home from 1907, and my parents had it full of antiques. My mother would drag me to estate sales.

And now you run estate sales. What's the key to getting good stuff at them?

Just poke around. Try to look at

everything, and if something speaks to you, ask about it. If you like something, that's what really matters.

What's the key to getting past the fact that, at most estate sales, you're picking through a just-deceased person's stuff?

You have to try to remember that estate sales raise capital for the family. And remind yourself that you're also bringing these things back and honoring that person's memory by using their stuff.

What's the hottest thing in the antiques and collectibles world right now?

Mid-century is really hot. And vintage clothing has gotten huge. So many celebrities are into it that people have been turned on to it.

You rehab many pieces you find. How do you tell whether something is worth it?

If a piece of furniture has termites or has had an animal living in it, that's tough. And you have to be creative about what you'll use something for and use elbow grease to bring something back.

"Estate sales raise capital for the family. You're also ... honoring that person's memory by using their stuff."

What's an unusual example of repurposing something?

Even if they're broken or chipped, use old plates to make mosaics.

Any other good places to hunt for antiques?

Obviously, the flea market and at garage sales. But people forget there are auction houses all over the country, and sometimes they are selling off lots of treasures.

What about buying online?

Check out the seller. Make sure they've been selling for a long time or have good feedback on eBay. And if they've only got a couple of photos up, ask to see more. And make sure they package things well for shipping. It'd be horrible to break an antique in transit!

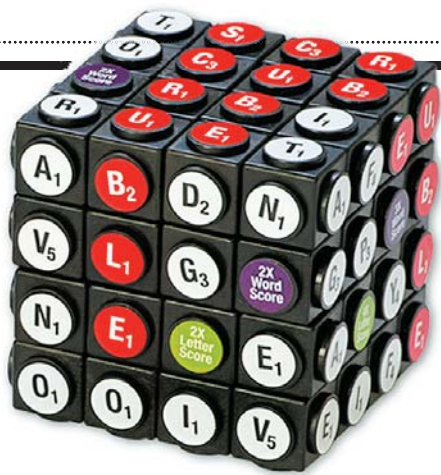
What's the key to mixing old things into a home without making it look fussy and old-ladylike?

It's about being in balance. Maybe you want to mix some modern things in. And don't hoard. If you start a collection — say, of art pottery — make sure it's something you're going to display or use.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Local Design Heroes

D.C.-area furniture designers — mod desk and chair savants EK Living of Hagerstown, master woodworker Caleb Woodward of Alexandria and others — discuss how to create pieces that are both sustainable and sleek. Free. Thu., 6-8 p.m. Well Built, 1541 14th St. NW; 202-299-0597, Wellbuiltllc.com.



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**Dear Manolo**

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

I seem to be the only woman in D.C. who is not wearing skinny jeans tucked into riding boots. I have taken your lessons to heart and am no longer interested in cheap shoes, but I don't want to invest in a trend that will look dated in two years. How can I buy boots that will be on trend but also classic? — AMBER

Manolo says the riding boots have never been out of the style, and will never go out of the style. They are the fashion perennial.



Yes, today, the girls are wearing them with the skinny hipster jeans. And the day before yesterday it was the jodhpurs and hacking jackets. The day after tomorrow, it may be the tie-dyed bubble skirts and tube tops. Who can say, except that they will still be the attractive part of the wardrobe?

As for the matter of trendiness, the Manolo reminds you that personal style is not dependent upon trends. Historically, the most stylish peoples are those who have forged the distinctive and attractive personal look, which may or may not accord with the fads of the moment. And so, the Manolo would tell you to seek out your own personal style and not worry overly much about what the hipster girls are wearing.

Here is the Heath Tall Riding Boot from Frye (\$378, Zappos.com), certain to become a favorite.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Twist Your Words

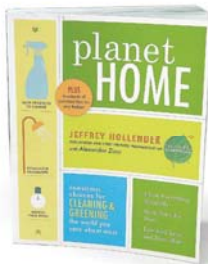
WHAT DO SCRABBLE and a Rubik's Cube have in common? Both blend fun and frustration. ("Quistle" must be a word! Why won't these dumb yellow squares JUST LINE UP?) Scruble (\$19, Amazon.com) merges the two games into one enjoyable (if slightly maddening) amusement. The idea is to spell words — around cube edges if necessary — and out-score the math/word genius you've conned into playing with you.

Round One

CUPCAKES, WATCH YOUR well-frosted little backs. Doughnuts, now working their caloric charms at hipster restaurants (Birch & Barley, Rustico) and Whole Foods, look like a ringer for this year's It Dessert. Sunbeam's new Donut Maker (\$50, HomemyLife.com) bakes up five little Os of sugary goodness using a George Foreman Grill-like device. Sprinkles or chocolate frosting are optional, but either would up the ante if macarons or whoopie pies come around spoiling for a fight.

The Green Room

LEAD PIPES! Asbestos in the attic! Your house could hold more eco-hazards than a Superfund site. This makes "Planet Home" (\$20, Clarkson-Potter), a primer on greening up your act, both scary and useful. Some tips seem rote (use low-VOC paint); others (keep nasty stuff outside by removing your shoes in the house) make icky good sense.



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Bag! You're It!

GUTEN TAG, UM, LUCY?

It doesn't sound German, but George Gina & Lucy, a label by three friends from a village near Frankfurt, isn't just a Deutsche brand. Since 2004, their oddly shaped handbags (octagons, trapezoids) have popped up in shops from Bahrain to Brazil. In D.C., you can now snag the rounded Space Surf Air (\$255) bag and the nylon Long Che Lycee (\$185, shown) at Redeem (1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447).

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**Grab Bag**

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**Fire the Laser**

LAYOFFS, REDUNDANCY, termination, buyouts: These are the buzzwords in our recession-era nightmares. But if you're ousting, say, that pricey injection-happy dermatologist, then Clinique's Repairwear Laser Focus Wrinkle & UV Damage Corrector (\$45, Sephora.com) saves precious dough. The cream's diluted consistency means it gets absorbed by pores on contact. After four weeks, our wrinkles (brought on by worrying about dollar devaluation) were put on notice, too.

lookout drink



LAWRENCE LUK PHOTOS

I like
spiked

Turn an ordinary cup of coffee into a buzzy cocktail by mixing it with liqueurs and spices

From coeds to day laborers to Cary Grant in “His Girl Friday,” imbibers spanning continents and generations find the lure of a spiked coffee drink in its very definition — the marriage of two favorite vices. “It was the Italians who first recognized the appeal of ‘correcting’ coffee with a shot of liquor — caffè corretto in Italian,” says Michael Turback, author of “Coffee Drinks” (\$14.95, Ten Speed Press). “In a culture that takes eating very seriously, the stimulating, after-dinner spiked coffee provides both an excuse to linger longer and an aid to digestion.”



Additional components add to the complexity of spiked coffee — coffee brewed with chicory marries well with brandy; stirring a rum-spiked coffee with a cinnamon stick adds a compatible spice.”

— MICHAEL TURBACK, AUTHOR OF “COFFEE DRINKS”

**beans meet
booze**

At SOVA, bar manager Steve Oshana (pictured, left) combines coffee with mint-infused cognac and chocolate liqueur in a cocktail called the Intelligent Design.

Italians tend to reach for sambuca, cognac and grappa, Turback says. But the coffee-booze combo most famed in the U.S. is whiskey-fortified Irish coffee, invented by an Irish airport bartender on a winter night in the 1940s. P.J. Clarke’s (1600 K St. NW; 202-463-6610) serves the classic recipe — two teaspoons of brown sugar, a cup of hot coffee, a shot of Jameson and fresh, heavy cream (never whipped!) floating on top. “The brown sugar gives it extra buoyancy,” says general manager Dave Lovett. “It almost looks like a miniature pint of Guin-

drink lookout

ness.” For nontraditionalists, P.J. Clarke’s also offers twists on the iconic cocktail, starring Baileys, Kahlua and even rye whiskey.

As in Italy and Ireland, throughout the afternoon, Cuban workers line up at coffee stands for shots of espresso. “It’s their culture,” says Bob Gallo, vice president of operations at Havana-gone-hip Cuba Libre (801 Ninth St. NW; 202-408-1600). “Drinking coffee is how they get through the day.” And as eve-

did you know?

Irish coffee was reportedly invented one winter night at an airport restaurant in Limerick, where a bartender poured whiskey into hot coffee to warm up stranded passengers. One asked whether the brew was Brazilian; the barkeep replied, “No, it’s Irish coffee.”

ning wears on, he says, out comes the rum.

Steamed coconut milk and spiced rum enhance robust Cuban coffee in the restaurant’s decadent signature sip, the Café Cuba Libre. Richer yet, the Mulatta cold dessert cocktail combines espresso, cream, Kahlua, Godiva chocolate and Cruzan blackstrap rum, garnished with a Hershey’s kiss.

Like the drink makers at Cuba Libre, home bartenders are wise to take cues from the complex flavors of coffee. And for the best results, baristas say to skip watered-down diner sludge and use high-quality coffee. It’s essential for the java to be able to “hold its own” against the liquor, Turback says. “Use strong, dark-roast coffee in a spiked drink,” he says. “The proportion should be at least five-to-one, coffee-to-liquor.”

Modern mixologists let caffeine fuel their creativity. José Andrés’ team at Cafe Jaleo spikes coffee with Torres orange liquor and brandy. Steve Oshana, bar manager at SOVA (1359 H St. NE; 202-397-3080), offers a trio of spiked coffee drinks. The Armenian coffee

CAFE CUBA LIBRE ESPECIAL

Ingredients

- 2 oz rich espresso
- 3 tsp sugar on the raw
- 2 oz coconut milk
- 2 oz whole milk
- Finished with 3/4 oz Cuba Libre Spiced Rum

COURTESY CUBA LIBRE RESTAURANT

COCO CREAM CON XOCOLATI

Ingredients

- 2 oz rich espresso
- 3 tsp dark chocolate
- 4 oz whole milk
- 3/4 oz Cruzan Rum Cream
- 3/4 oz Bacardi Coconut Rum
- Top with whipped cream

MEZCAL CAFÉ SUDA

Christopher Carlsson, Spirits Review, Rochester, N.Y.

Ingredients

- 3 tbsp espresso-flavored sugar (Stirrings Espresso Rimmer preferred)
- 1 oz sweetened condensed milk, more for the glass
- Ice cubes
- 1 oz Scorpion Silver Mezcal
- 4 oz strong coffee, cooled

Makes 1 serving

Place the espresso-flavored sugar on a flat plate. Moisten the edge of an 8-ounce glass with a bit of the sweetened condensed milk, then dip the rim into the mixture and rotate the glass until evenly coated. Add the 1 ounce of sweetened condensed milk to the bottom of the glass. Fill with ice cubes. Add the Mezcal and coffee. Stir and serve.

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high-octane highball

At H Street’s SOVA, espresso-infused vermouth and candy-cane bitters hop up the Family Gathering, an unusual, caffeinated spin on the classic Manhattan.

lover adds toffee-infused Armenian brandy, cardamom and vanilla bean syrup to Turkish coffee for a drink he calls Bridge to Ararat. A nod to his former days in the Windy City, the richer-than-Donald-Trump cocktail Intelligent Design stars Intelligentsia coffee, mint-infused cognac, Vosges chocolate truffle liqueur and caramel foam. And Oshana’s Family Gathering? The hopped-up Manhattan features Four Roses bourbon, espresso-infused vermouth and candy cane bitters.

Surprisingly, making espresso bitters is simpler than, well, ordering a drink at Starbucks. Oshana says the process can be done two ways. Simply pour two parts vermouth to one part espresso for an instant add-in. More patient bartenders can let espresso (or coffee) grounds steep in vermouth overnight for a more natural infusion. Strain the mix using a coffee filter, cheesecloth or even a water filter.

More unconventional coffee pairings Oshana likes: Drambuie (a Scotch-based honey liqueur),

lemongrass, lavender (throw petals into the grinds for a “sweet herbal flavor”) and even basil.

The beauty of a cup of joe, Turback says, lies in the endless possibilities. “Additional components add to the complexity of spiked coffee — coffee brewed with chicory marries well with brandy; stirring a rum-spiked coffee with a cinnamon stick adds a compatible spice. A spoonful of shaved dark chocolate sweetens Irish coffee.”

As you experiment, though, be wary of the heady blend of alcohol plus caffeine. (It’s no coincidence that college students call boozy energy drinks “blackout in a can.”) “If you’re going to be drinking a lot,” Oshana says, “try decaf.”

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Road to Fandom

I don't think I love — or have ever loved — any movie as much as my 2-year-old loves "Cars." It may seem odd to be writing about a movie that came out in 2006, but with the sequel set to come out this summer, the trailer popping up on the Facebook pages of my friends who have young boys

(the girls never seem very interested), and the movie playing in repertory every weekend at my house, it's the film I do most of my thinking about.

My son's passionate devotion is re-

freshing, but it's also puzzling. When I was young, I didn't have the option of watching my favorite movie on a weekly (or, depending on how tired my parents were, multiple-times-a-week) basis. My favorite movie was usually whatever I had last seen in the theater, and I only watched that once. I never got the chance to recite scenes from "Annie" at home (though I did have the soundtrack — on vinyl).

Does this access to repeat viewings — which is the best way to really dig into the nuances of a film — mean that my son and his Piston Cup-obsessed peers are naturally going to be better moviegoers? Probably not. After all, most kids like to have the same books read to them over and over again, and they don't turn out to be literary geniuses. But I do hope that the kids who ask, daily and hopefully, "A watch 'Cars' now?" remember what it's like to be that much in love.



Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: expressnightout.com/thereelist



JAMIE RUEBLOD/COLUMBIA PICTURES-SONY

An Enviably Hero

As the Green Hornet, Seth Rogen lacks seriousness but has plenty of good humor

Film Review

This morning, the unconscious bodies of three pickpockets were found on the front steps of The Washington Post's offices. Safety-pinned to one was an envelope containing the following movie review.

Yeah, I think you know who I am. Big guy. Wear a mask. I protect the innocent from the garbage who pollute the streets with violence.

That's right. I'm Batman.

But now there's another masked vigilante on the streets. Calls himself the Green Hornet. He's taking over Los Angeles. There's a movie out about him right now. It's called "The Green Hornet." Obviously.

It gets my bat wings all riled up. Hate it. Let me tell you why.

There was a time when movies about superheroes were dark and full of angst. Like "The Dark Knight." You

Well done, Seth Rogen and Michel Gondry. You made a superhero movie for people who thought 'The Dark Knight' needed to lighten up. That's so funny I forgot to laugh.

know from the title what that movie's gonna be like. Broody. Angry.

Then this Johnny-come-lately shows up. This punk, the Green Hornet. His movie's fun. It's lighthearted. It's full of jokes. Jokes! My enemies tell jokes. Heroes keep it grim. Saving people is serious business.

When they made a movie about me, they hired Christian Bale to play me. Serious guy. Serious actor. So, who plays the Green Hornet? Seth Rogen. A jokester.

Just as an example, when I'm weaving the Batmobile through the streets of Gotham, with explosions and gunfire on every side, I keep my trap shut. But this Green Hornet guy? "This is awesome!" he yells.

What is this, amateur hour?

I was prepared to like this Green

Hornet kid. We have a lot in common. Take his secret identity. Britt Reid's a millionaire playboy. Like a certain superhero I know, he loses a parent unexpectedly; when his father, played by Tom Wilkinson, dies, Britt inherits his mansion, his luxury cars and the newspaper he edited.

But does Britt Reid seethe about the death of his father? No! He resented the old man, so he saws the head off his dad's memorial statue. What kind of hero does that?

Look, I will grudgingly admit that much of the movie was funny. Let me employ sarcasm: Well done, Seth Rogen and Michel Gondry. You made a superhero movie for people who thought "The Dark Knight" needed to lighten up. That's so funny I forgot to laugh. **DAN KOIS (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

Buzz About "Hornet"

► **How it began:** The brainchild of "Lone Ranger" creator George W. Trendle, "The Green Hornet" debuted in 1936 as a radio serial.

► **TV popularity:** It eventually became a film serial shown in movie houses, a comic book and, in 1966, a short-lived TV series that catapulted martial arts star Bruce Lee to stardom.

► **The leap to film:** Various attempts were made over the years to turn "The Green Hornet" into a motion picture. Eventually, Seth Rogen and his longtime writing partner Evan Goldberg took a crack at it, resulting in the current release.

► **Seth Rogen's goal:** "I would have no real interest in just doing a very literal interpretation of pre-existing material. We ... wanted to subvert notions that are in a lot of these comic book-type movies." (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

"The Green Hornet" (PG-13)

► **Director:** Michel Gondry

► **Stars:** Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Cameron Diaz, Tom Wilkinson, Christoph Waltz, David Harbour

► **In a Nutshell:** After his father dies, Britt Reid teams up with his late dad's assistant to form a crime-fighting team.

► **For Fans Of:** "Spider-man," "Kick-Ass"



Vince Vaughn, right, stumbles onto a secret that would hurt his BFF in "Dilemma."

The Bromantic Anti-Comedy

Best buds grapple with infidelity in the muddled 'Dilemma'

Film Review

Although the Judd Apatow brigade appears to have cornered the market on the bromance genre, Jonah Hill was a mere middle-schooler and Paul Rudd was wooing Alicia Silverstone in "Clueless" when Vince Vaughn began honing his craft, assuring Jon Favreau, "You're so money, and you don't even know it."

Alas, while Vaughn proves he still has the bravado that makes him so bewilderingly watchable, neither his quick wit nor his chemistry with Kevin James can transform "The Dilemma" into the gold standard of buddy comedies.

The titular conundrum arises when Ronny Valentine (Vaughn) discovers his best friend's wife, Geneva (Winona Ryder), canoodling with Zip, played by Channing Tatum, a muscular, tattooed man-child. What's Ronny to do: tell his friend Nick or keep mum?

There's something potentially poignant here. Early in the movie, Ronny says of Nick and Geneva, "When it comes to being a couple, they're my heroes." The type of disillusionment that follows the

"The Dilemma" (PG-13)

- **Director:** Ron Howard
- **Stars:** Vince Vaughn, Kevin James, Winona Ryder, Jennifer Connelly, Channing Tatum
- **In a Nutshell:** While pals and professional partners Ronny and Nick work under pressure, Ronny discovers Nick's wife is having an affair.
- **For Fans Of:** "Couples Retreat," "Grown Ups," "The Break-Up"

all-too-common "but they seemed so happy" is widespread and timely. And despite his soulless comedies such as "Dodgeball," Vaughn is capable of balancing his comedy with something more thoughtful (see "Swingers," above).

But two things work against him, the first of which is a cluttered plot that becomes increasingly outrageous. Ronny and Nick are also business partners, and they're under the gun, working on a make-it-or-break-it presentation; Ronny is considering proposing to his perfect girlfriend, Beth (Jennifer Connelly); and Geneva and Ronny have a history, about which Nick is clueless. Did I mention that Ronny also has a gambling problem? And Nick is that fragile, nervous type? True, when it rains it pours, but all these developments (and many more) get tiring after awhile. **STEPHANIE MERRY** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



In the visually rich film "Summer Wars," an extensive social network is hacked, creating chaos for every one of its users.

Destruction of Oz

Mamoru Hosoda's anime 'Summer Wars' illustrates the perils of a networked world

Director Q&A

To many Americans, Japanese animation at first appears inaccessible — full of too many in-jokes and foreign tropes to be properly appreciated.



Hosoda

..... Mamoru Hosoda's "Summer Wars," however, is a family-friendly affair with the highly crafted appeal of a Pixar flick. The characters inhabit a world much like our own, where they frequently make use of a slick, shiny social networking site named Oz to communicate, run businesses and even operate municipal services. Trou-

ble strikes when a virus attacks Oz and disrupts day-to-day life for its users.

Express caught up with Hosoda in an e-mail interview.

Did you have to make any particular changes to the film to make it more understandable or appealing for Western audiences? No, but I tried to make this film easily understandable even for little kids by utilizing visual elements instead of lots of verbal explanations. I think that will help this film be understandable for audiences around the world.

What inspired the concept of Oz? Of course, the biggest influences for the concept of the Oz system were other social networking services, like Facebook, Twitter, and so on. I thought it would be great if we had a one big, universal networking service that can be accessed from anywhere in the

world and can be used for every kind of purpose: hobbies, work, commerce, gaming, education.

With such a large-scale project as "Summer Wars," were there any unexpected difficulties in making the film?

There are nothing but unexpected difficulties during production. ... We had them every day! But that's one of the reasons we make animated films; the team likes to overcome these difficulties with everyone's efforts. We always took these difficulties as stimulating, rather than frustrating.

Do you have any actual concerns about the rising power of contemporary social networking sites?

I don't deny there are negative consequences following the rise of social networking sites, but I see lots of benefits rather than concerns. I personally enjoy life through Twitter! **RYAN LITTLE**

Film Beat



'Once' More, Onstage: The little Irish indie that could has inspired a Broadway musical. Producers have announced plans to adapt the script and songs of 2007's "Once" for the stage by the fall. The film's stars, Glen Hansard, left, and Marketa Irglova, won an Oscar for Best Original Song for "Once's" ballad "Falling Slowly." It's not clear whether the duo will reprise their roles for the Broadway production. (EXPRESS)

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Nightlife ➤ Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

In a city teeming with massive jazz talents, you have to carve out some space to take in the younger ones. **AKUA ALLRICH** knows her standards and her way around an acoustic jazz ensemble, but as she showed on her 2010 debut, "A Peace of Mine," she's handy with folk, soul and Brazilian styles, too. Get to know Allrich at Twins Jazz (1344 U St. NW; Fri. and Sat., 9 p.m. and 11 p.m., \$15; 202-234-0072).

SATURDAY

Sockets Records has successfully made the transition from "excellent local record label" to simply "excellent record label." Saturday's four-band showcase at the Black Cat (1811 14th St. NW; 9 p.m., \$12; 202-667-4490) will fea-



D.C.'s own funk-electronica group Fort Knox Five entertains at U Street Music Hall.

ture plenty of head-spinning guitar rock. Headliner **HUME** specializes in jumpy, intricate long-form guitar workouts that are as precise as they are powerful. Opener **LAUGHING MAN** is about to release an excellent debut album, "The Lovings ('63-'69)," of rock-blues-soul. **BUILDINGS AND SKELETONS** round out the stacked bill.

SUNDAY

As a DJ, when you can check **AFRIKA BAMBAATAA** off your bucket list of people to work with, your legitimacy is in pretty good shape. For

Washington collective **FORT KNOX FIVE**, it was a case of opportunity meeting preparation, as the group had established itself as talented producers before one of the progenitors of global hip-hop and beat culture came calling. Bambaataa will be mining his breakbeats with the Fort Knox crew at an MLK holiday blowout at U Street Music Hall (1115 U St. NW; 9 p.m., \$10; 202-588-1880).

Check out an extended version of "Nightlife Agenda" each Thursday at Goingoutguide.com

➤ Now Playing

ALAMAR (NR, 73 minutes) It's a cliché that the best movies take you on a journey, but that's precisely what happens in "Alamar" ("To the Sea"), Pedro Gonzalez-Rubio's transporting part-documentary, part-fictional tale of a young boy spending an enchanted summer with his own wild child of a father. As the film opens, an Italian woman named Roberta explains how she fell in love with and eventually separated from Jorge, with whom she had her son, Natan. Now 5 years old, Natan will soon move to Rome with his mother. But before they go, Jorge wants to take Natan to the Banco Chinchorro, the pristine coral reef in the Mexican Caribbean where he lives and fishes. **A.H.**

BLACK SWAN (R, 103 minutes) In the role of Nina Sayers, Natalie Portman delivers a bravura performance as a dancer with a New York dance company. The troupe's artistic director, Thomas



Michelle Williams is stuck in a dead-end marriage in the gritty "Blue Valentine."

Leroy (Vincent Cassel), taps her to star in a production of "Swan Lake." Her technical brilliance and tentative innocence make her perfect for the White Swan, but he's less sure she can pull off the ruthlessness and sensuality of her evil twin, the Black Swan. Perhaps Lily (Mila Kunis), an uninhibited, wild-eyed newcomer to the company, would be better suited to the role. **A.H.**

BLUE VALENTINE (R, 114 minutes) On paper, the film sounds like a downer: a

portrait of a marriage unraveling, even as the couple revisits the happier days of their courtship. But Derek Cianfrance is a filmmaker alive to the rough beauty of even the deepest pain. Cianfrance is a director willing to take his actors to emotional and even physical extremes, allowing them to create a world on screen that possesses all the volatility and ragged ends of real life. The results can be almost unbearably harrowing but also deeply cathartic, as viewers create their own meanings within Dean (Ryan Gosling) and Cindy's (Michelle Williams) singular downward spiral. **A.H.**

CASINO JACK (R, 108 minutes) George Hickenlooper's film is neither as factual as Alex Gibney's nonfiction film on the same subject, "Casino Jack and the United States of Money," nor as pedal-to-the-metal nuts as the source material would suggest it could be. But there's a bigger problem than the film's inability to strike the right tone or audience fatigue resulting from the sense that this is merely a rehash of a well-worn scandal. Kevin Spacey's portrayal of Jack Abramoff

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JOE NEUMAIER, DAILY NEWS

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gets at the man's contradictions — his ostensibly devout Jewish faith next to an almost sociopathic blindness to his misdeeds — but it never even partly explains them. **M.O.**

COUNTRY STRONG (PG-13, 112 minutes) See Gwyneth Paltrow start sobbing onstage in the middle of a song. See Gwyneth Paltrow have another emotional breakdown in a bathroom stall. That may be a gross oversimplification of what happens in "Country Strong," the story of a Nashville diva (Paltrow) attempting to relaunch her career after rehab. But it's an accurate description of how it feels

to watch this disjointed drama. Paltrow, under-served by the material at almost every turn, pours every drop of twang and tears she has into the role of Kelly Canter, a country star whose drinking has led to a rupture in her marriage to manager James (Tim McGraw). **JEN CHANEY**
THE FIGHTER (R, 115 minutes) In the 1970s, welterweight boxer Dicky Eklund, known as the "Pride of Lowell," made

local history in that working-class Massachusetts city by sending Sugar Ray Leonard to the mat. Later, lost in a vortex of drug addiction and running petty hustles, Dicky trained his half-brother Micky Ward, eventually to a world welterweight championship. The title character of "The Fighter" might be Micky — played here in a straight-up, stalwart, hugely sympathetic performance by Mark Wahlberg.

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But it could just as easily pertain to the hardscrabble Dicky, especially as he's channeled by Christian Bale. **A.H.**

GULLIVER'S TRAVELS (PG, 85 minutes)

Imagine a contemporary update of "Gulliver's Travels" in which the titular hero — an unambitious pop-culture addict played by Jack Black — finds himself in a Lilliput whose pinkie-size denizens are only too willing to place themselves at his beck and call. In this unfunny reimagining of the classic satire by Jonathan Swift, Lemuel Gulliver (Black) finds himself on the aforementioned island while re-searching the Bermuda Triangle. After extinguishing a raging fire by urinating on it, he's quickly declared a hero. Then, "Gulliver's Travels" turns to the tried-and-true story line of loser-guy-gets-hot-girl. **M.O.**

HOW DO YOU KNOW (PG-13, 116 minutes)

With "How Do You Know," writer-director James L. Brooks presents viewers with yet another edgy, self-conscious heroine. Here, that's Lisa (Reese Witherspoon), a professional softball player who, as the movie opens, is in the process of getting cut from her team. On second thought, Lisa really isn't the typical Brooks heroine here; that title belongs to George (Paul Rudd), a financial executive who, as Lisa is getting axed, finds out he's being indicted for securities fraud. While George convinces himself he has fallen in love with Lisa, she pursues a romance with baseball star Matty (Owen Wilson). **A.H.**

THE KING'S SPEECH (R, 118 minutes)

There's nothing not to love about Tom Hooper's classy historical drama, which tells the story of how Britain's King George VI (Colin Firth) overcame a debilitating stutter and went on to lead the country through World War II. Although Bertie, as he was known to his family, had no intention of assuming the throne, he found himself wearing the crown when his brother, King Edward VIII (Guy Pearce), abdicated. Painfully shy and reticent to the point of paralysis, Bertie freezes up every time he approaches a microphone. It's a situation that Bertie's wife, Elizabeth (Helena Bonham Carter), realizes just won't do. **A.H.**

I LOVE YOU PHILLIP MORRIS (R, 98 minutes)

Jim Carrey plays Steven Russell, a married, churchgoing good ol' boy who, after a near-fatal car accident, comes out of the closet as a gay man, turning to brazen scams to support his newly fabulous lifestyle. After he's caught and sent to prison, he meets and falls in love with fellow convict Phillip Morris (Ewan



Gwyneth Paltrow's musical talents can't save the melodramatic "Country Strong."

McGregor). Though it all sounds like a recipe for disaster, the movie is actually surprisingly sweet. Yes, there is a real Phillip Morris (no relation to the tobacco company). There's also a real Steven Russell. He's currently serving a 144-year sentence in a Texas penitentiary. **M.O.**

RABBITHOLE (PG-13, 92 minutes) How do you recover from the death of a child? The movie "Rabbit Hole" eloquently posits the only correct answer to that question: You don't. "Rabbit Hole" focuses on a grieving couple eight months after their young son was killed by a car while chasing his dog into the street. In Nicole Kidman and Aaron Eckhart, director John Cameron Mitchell has found actors who gracefully pull off that psychological high-wire act as Becca and Howie, a couple who have reached the point in their mourning where most of their friends and neighbors think it's time to be moving on. **A.H.**

SOMEWHERE (R, 98 minutes) Sofia Coppola turns her observant, forgiving eye to Hollywood stardom. The opening shot serves both as tone-setter and leitmotif, as a high-end sports car goes around and around a dusty track. The driver is Johnny Marco (Stephen Dorff), an actor

who has little else to do but drive, take calls from his publicist and pay pole dancers to provide private entertainment. The only interruption to Johnny's pursuits arrives by way of his 11-year-old daughter, Cleo (Elle Fanning), who visits him on weekends. Johnny gets more than he bargained for when, suddenly, Cleo's mother announces he'll have to keep her longer than a few days. **A.H.**

TRUE GRIT (PG-13, 109 minutes) Writer-directors Joel and Ethan Coen remake the 1969 western that earned John Wayne his only Oscar. Hailee Steinfeld makes an uncommonly assured debut as the invincible Mattie Ross, whose father has been shot by a man named Tom Chaney (Josh Brolin). Mattie arrives in Fort Smith, Ark., to claim her father's body, acquire cash by way of some canny horse-trading and avenge her father's death by hunting Chaney down and seeing him hang. She enlists U.S. Marshal Rooster Cogburn (Jeff Bridges) to go into Indian territory and bring in Chaney. **A.H.**

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1 Alone at Last
Sutton Foster, shown at left, became famous starring in Broadway musicals in which she carried the show almost single-handedly — from “Thoroughly Modern Millie” to “Little Women” — so we imagine she’ll deliver in a solo cabaret performance Friday at the Kennedy Center. Don’t expect high kicks, though. This is a classy establishment.
Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; Fri., 7:30 p.m., \$45; 202-467-4600. (Foggy Bottom)

2 Part Three
There seems to be a plethora of magical realism plays about the South in D.C. this winter, but Tarell Alvin McCraney has proven himself up to the task with the two previous plays in his Brother/Sister Trilogy. The last, “Marcus; or the Secret of Sweet,” is the story of a 16-year-old looking for his identity in Louisiana. **1. What else do 16-year-olds do? 2. In Louisiana, he is more likely to find some very tasty catfish. Mmm. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; through Feb. 13; 202-332-3300. (Dupont Circle)**

3 Concerted Effort
This entire long weekend, you won’t be able to walk down the street without encountering a celebration of civil rights icon Martin Luther King Jr. Busboys and Poets, which is about social justice as much as it’s about food, is joining in, with a gospel-jazz saxophone performance by David Murray, left. **Busboys and Poets, 2021 14th St. NW; Sat., 7 p.m., free; 202-387-7638. (U St.-Cardozo)**



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Little Fockers (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 12:10-2:50-5:20-8:20-11:10
Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 11:50-2:40-5:40-8:40-11:35
The King’s Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:50-3:50-7:00-10:00
The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 10:45-1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Country Strong (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT/Digital Presentation: 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:10
Black Swan (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:25-3:20-5:00-6:10-8:00-9:00-10:55-11:40
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:50-1:35-4:20-7:20-10:20
The Tourist (PG-13) 2:00-7:50
The Green Hornet (PG-13) 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30
Season of the Witch (PG-13) 12:40-3:10-5:50-8:30-11:05
Little Fockers (PG-13) 12:10-2:50-5:20-8:20-11:10
How Do You Know (PG-13) 11:10-4:40-10:50
True Grit (PG-13) 11:00-1:50-4:50-7:40-10:40
The Dilemma (PG-13) 11:30-2:10-5:10-8:10-11:00
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3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCTheatres.com
The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:15-4:15-7:15
AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCTheatres.com
The Green Hornet 3D (PG-13) RealD 3D: 1:30-4:30-7:30-10:30
Yogi Bear 3D (PG) Club Cinema-Over 21: 2:10
The Tourist (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 4:20-7:00-9:30
The Fighter (R) AMC INDEPENDENT/Club Cinema-Over 21: 2:20-5:10-8:00-10:40
Tron: Legacy (PG) 1:10-4:10-7:10-10:10
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The Dilemma (PG-13) 2:15-5:00-7:50-10:25

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5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org
True Grit (PG-13) 12:15-2:45-5:15-8:00
Casino Jack (R) 1:00-3:30-8:15
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127 Hours (R) 9:00

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com
The Green Hornet (PG-13) Digital Projection: (I) 12:10-3:00-6:30-9:30-12:15
Tron: Legacy in Disney Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 12:30-3:45-6:55-10:10
The Chronicles of Narnia: The Voyage of the Dawn Treader in Digital 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 1:20-4:20-7:40
Gulliver’s Travels 3D (PG) RealD 3D: (I) 10:20
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Yogi Bear (PG) 12:15

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127 Hours (R) 1:10-3:10-5:10-7:10-9:10
AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCTheatres.com
The Heart Specialist (NR) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 11:45-2:20-5:00-7:30-10:10
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The King’s Speech (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 2:00-4:45-7:30-10:15
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True Grit (PG-13) 1:15-4:00-6:45-9:30
The Dilemma (PG-13) 1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00

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Made in Dagenham (R) 1:30-4:15-7:15-9:55
Black Swan (R) 2:05-3:30-4:35-7:25-9:00-10:05
Rabbit Hole (PG-13) 2:20-4:55-7:20-9:50

Regal Bethesda 10
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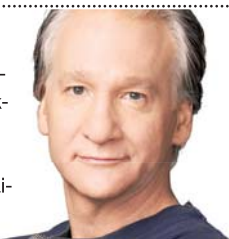
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TV weekend lookout**Best Bets****FRI
10:00****Confessions: Animal Hoarding** (APL)

The season premiere introduces Peter, a retired Army linguist who keeps 158 chickens in his home, treating them like his children — and ignoring his own daughter and grandchildren. Future episodes include dog hoarders such as Bonnie, left.

**FRI
10:00****Real Time With Bill Maher** (HBO)

The acerbic comedian and commentator returns for another round of grilling newsmakers, debating the issues and giving viewers a piece of his razor-sharp mind. Expect the usual eclectic mix of guests — including politicians and actors — in these new episodes.

**SAT
9:00**

2011 Miss America Pageant (ABC) The mother of all pageants returns to network television with lots of ABC personalities along for the ride. Chris Harrison and Brooke Burke are the hosts.

**MON
8:00**

How I Met Your Mother (CBS) On the way home to Minnesota with Marshall, Ted and Barney pull out all the stops in attempts to lift his spirits. That proves more difficult when Marshall runs into Trey, a bully who made his life miserable in high school. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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BIG LOVE**Significant Others****SUN
9:00**

The Henricksons are in for an emotional roller coaster in the fifth and final season of “Big Love,” which opens with Bill (Bill Paxton, above), newly elected to the state Senate, dealing with the fallout from going public with his polygamous lifestyle. His wives (above, from left, Jeanne Tripplehorn, Ginnifer Goodwin and Chloe Sevigny) are also feeling the effects and reacting in very different ways. Gregory Itzin and Mary Kay Place also star in “Winter.” (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Awards**A-List Alert**

Ricky Gervais, below, returns to host the 68th Annual Golden Globe Awards (8 p.m. Sunday on NBC) as the Hollywood Foreign Press Association salutes its favorites. In film, “The King’s Speech” leads the pack with seven nominations, followed by “The Social Network” and “The Fighter” with six each.

The small-screen hit “Glee” is up for five awards. Robert De Niro is this year’s recipient of the Cecil B. DeMille Award. (TM)

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Thursday's Results

DID YOU FIND SARAH PALIN'S USE OF THE TERM 'BLOOD LIBEL' OFFENSIVE?



"Not in the least. It's an entirely appropriate descriptor for the ridiculous, baseless, and offensive accusations and finger pointing coming out of the left and the MSM."

COMMENTER SLP

"I'm quite positive she had no idea what the term meant. She doesn't really know what anything means. And my parents taught me long ago to not hate on someone who is dumber than me."

COMMENTER MORLEY

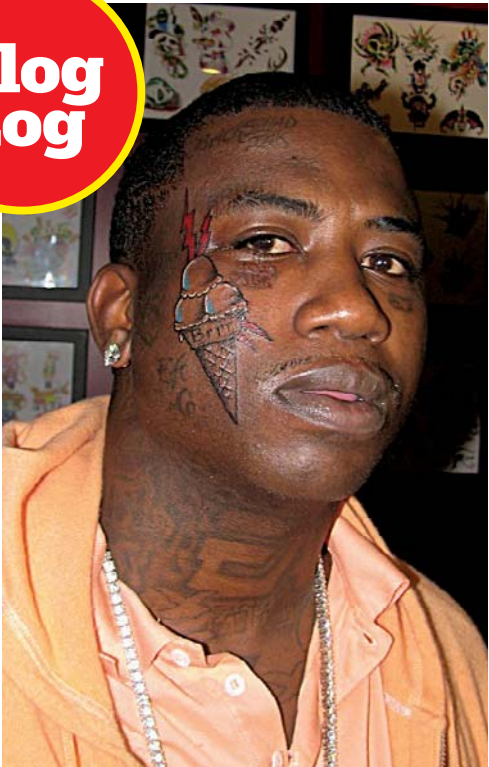
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"Pretty soon the cereal aisle is going to look like Las Vegas. Flashing lights, animation and pretty things to look at EVERYWHERE. ... I think I've officially become an old lady. Technology is scaring me."

— LOVEELIZABETHANY.BLOGSPOT.COM WAS BLOWN AWAY BY BOXES OF TRIX AND HONEY NUT CHEERIOS THAT HAVE LIGHT-UP DISPLAYS ON THE FRONT.

Blog Log



"The rapper showed off his new, um, hard-core tat on his Twitter for all his followers to ~~mock~~ see. Nice touch with the 'Brr' inscribed in the cone. Really gives it a more classy look."

— PEREZHILTON.COM THINKS RAPPER GUCCI MANE'S NEW TATTOO WAS A BAD DECISION AT BEST.



"Though her clips aren't as visually shocking or as jaw-droppingly art directed as those of contemporaries like Lady Gaga or Katy Perry, Taylor Swift deserves quite a bit of credit for her excellent music videos."

— NEWSROOM.MTV.COM REACTS TO SEEING SWIFT'S NEW VIDEO FOR "BACK TO DECEMBER," RELEASED THIS WEEK.

"The return of 'The Game' on BET, years after being canceled when the CW divested itself of African-American sitcoms, did better than almost anyone expected: 7.7 million viewers for its first episode back. That's something like three times as many viewers as it got on the CW network."

— MACLEANS.CA WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE SITCOM'S DEBUT WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

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Horoscope

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You may actually find yourself ahead of the game before long, but that's no reason to slow down or sacrifice efficiency.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Others are likely to gravitate toward you for reasons that are not overly apparent to you at first. Later, you'll understand why.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) A slight error early in the day is likely to have far-reaching consequences that are not easy to reverse no matter how hard you try.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Messages back and forth between loved ones must not become overly heated in any way; keep things from boiling over if you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Keep to your schedule; you made it for a reason, after all. Others may not understand your current mania for going by the book.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may not feel as though you're getting your just deserts at this time, but perhaps you are overestimating your accomplishments?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You and a friend or loved one are certainly not seeing things eye to eye, and one of you will have to come around quickly.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) It may take more time than you've allotted to sort out the various bits of information that are coming your way so quickly. Be cautious.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your suggestions may not be reaching those who really need them at this time, but don't stop offering them just yet.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Someone's insistence that he or she be part of what you're doing may actually be cramping your style, but what can you do?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Focus on that which keeps you emotionally centered, and try to avoid anything for now that gets the fires burning deep inside.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You've passed the halfway point of a project that seems to be taking longer than you had planned. But results are good.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 140-150, BEST SCORE 259

E₁ T₁ N₁ K₅ O₁ B₃ E₁

2nd Letter Double

RACK 1

E₁ N₁ M₃ N₁ E₁ L₁ I₁

RACK 2

I₁ O₁ U₁ T₁ T₁ N₁ B₃

RACK 3

I₁ O₁ Y₄ B₃ Z₁₀ M₃ F₄

Triple Word Score

RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

D ₂	I ₁	V ₄	I ₁	D ₂	E ₁	R ₁	RACK 1 =	70
T ₁	O ₁	E ₁	H ₄	O ₁	L ₁	D ₂	RACK 2 =	61
M ₃	U ₁	F ₄	F ₄	L ₁	E ₁		RACK 3 =	14
D ₂	O ₁	L ₁	E ₁	F ₄	U ₁	L ₁	RACK 4 =	72
PAR SCORE 155-165							TOTAL	217

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

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Yesterday's Solution

5	7	2	1	6	4	8	3	9
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4	6	1	8	2	9	3	7	5
1	3	5	6	4	7	2	9	8
6	9	8	5	3	2	7	1	4
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Forecast



34 | 24

Today: Partly sunny and cold today. Partly cloudy tonight.



41 | 30

Tomorrow: Increasing clouds tomorrow. Snow showers possible tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN

40 | 26



MON

38 | 34



TUE

48 | 40

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today: 7:26 a.m.
Sunset today: 5:09 p.m.
Moonrise today: 12:25 p.m.
Moonset today: 2:24 a.m.

Almanac

Normal high: 42
Record high: 75
Normal low: 27
Record low: -8

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Crossword

GOOD THINKING

ACROSS

- 1 Bind, as a chicken for roasting
6 White House name, honest
9 "Here's to your health!"
14 Financial standing
15 Hanoi's home, for short
16 Huge river creature
17 On the Pacific
18 However, briefly
19 Modify, as the Constitution
20 Fast, intellectually
23 Alumna identifier
24 Keanu's character in "The Matrix"
25 Puzzling posers
27 One who brings change for the better
32 Submarine creator
33 Bank offering, for short
34 Economized
36 Splits asunder
39 In need of stitching

- 41 Connection or link
43 Work on a film
44 Snakelike letters
46 Summary
48 Isle of ____ (England)
49 Teeniest Greek letter?
51 Sit astride
53 Powerful business-person
56 Become older
57 "How distasteful!"
58 Cool and balanced
64 Lenya of "The Threepenny Opera"
66 "Hail," to Caesar
67 Single-handedly
68 Some native Canadians
69 Do's alternative
70 Chutzpah
71 "I ____ thought about it"
72 Reindeer's kin
73 Cafeteria items

DOWN

- 1 "____ the night before Christmas ..."
2 Type of 33-across

- 3 ____ Major (Great Bear)
4 Jelly fuel
5 Some woodworking tools
6 Not in favor of
7 Bangkok currency
8 Act melodramatically
9 More unsavory
10 Novak or Basinger
11 Receptive to new ideas
12 Sleeper's breathing problem
13 Mineral ore veins
21 Genesis 1:27 creation
22 Remnant
26 ____ club (school singing group)
27 Sacred ceremony
28 Amorous deity
29 Presbyopic
30 "Be it ____ so humble ..."
31 Actor Harrison, and others
35 Heating system

- vent
37 Pickle type
38 Eyelid sore
40 Light gas
42 ____ Jessica Parker
45 Least appetizing, as bread
47 Miss USA contest, e.g.
50 Dined
52 Opponent in blackjack
53 Landscaper's
covering
54 Athens marketplace
55 Refuse to face
59 What superheroes fight
60 Onionlike plant
61 "____ the Explorer" (kid's show)
62 Sin of the green-eyed
63 Middle's middle
65 Years in a decade

Yesterday's Solution

1	O	P	E	C	5	A	T	L	A	S	9	W	I	F	E
14	D	E	L	I	15	P	R	I	C	E	19	O	L	L	A
17	O	R	A	L	21	P	A	S	H	A	22	N	E	A	R
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28	F	L	Y	O	31	F	T	H	E	H	A	32	E	A	M
33	S	I	S	34	O	B	O	E	S	35	A	C	T	36	N
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43	A	L	I	T	44	A	U	T	O	S	45	U	R	S	A
46	S	I	L	L	47	G	R	I	S	T	48	M	E	E	K
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Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Last Week's Solution

7	4	5	8	9	1	6	2	3		1	3	4	5	2	6	7	8	9
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Today in History

- 1784** The United States ratifies a peace treaty with England, ending the Revolutionary War.
- 1952** NBC's "Today" show premieres, with Dave Garroway as the host.
- 1963** George C. Wallace is sworn in as governor of Alabama with a pledge of "segregation forever."
- 1968** The Green Bay Packers defeat the Oakland Raiders, 33-14, in Super Bowl II.

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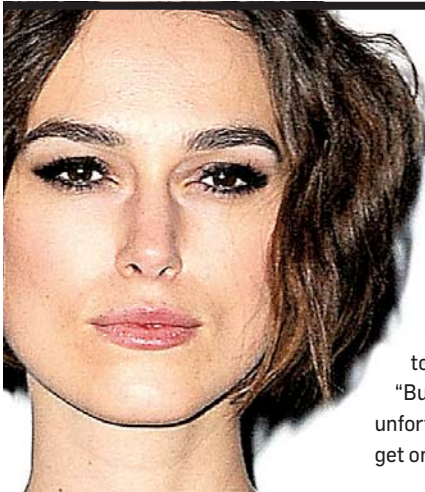
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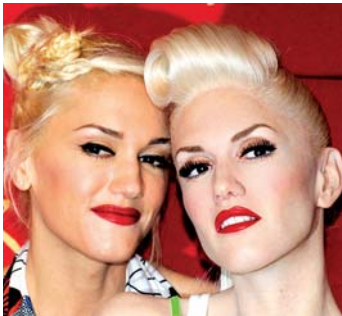


**WISDOM****A Random Text Generator Could Give Better Advice Than Keira's Dad**

Keira Knightley and her boyfriend of five years, Rupert Friend, are over. "Yes, they have broken up," her father, Will Knightley, told London's Sun newspaper. "But that's the way things go, unfortunately. The only option is to get on with things." (EXPRESS)

GIRLHOOD DREAMS**'I'm Getting Paid to Wear DRUGSTORE MAKEUP!'**

Gwen Stefani joins Jennifer Lopez, Eva Longoria and Beyonce as a spokeswoman for L'Oreal Paris, People.com reported. Her first campaign will promote the Infallible Le Rouge lip color line. "I can't believe I get to be one of the L'Oréal Paris girls," Stefani said in a statement. "To get to work with such a modern, talented group of people is really exciting." (EXPRESS)



Gwen Stefani before L'Oreal airbrushes her photo, left. Gwen afterward, right.

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Victims**'Worst Mom Ever' Mug Was Just Evil**

Taylor Momsen, who said in November that her parents had ruined her childhood by making her model and act from the age of 2, has apologized publicly via Kerrang magazine. "I love my mom and dad. I think my parents have learned by this point that none of [what they read] is probably true, and words can be put in your mouth." (EXPRESS)

IT'S AN ANTIQUE!**From the Archives**

Backstreet Boys member A.J. McLean checked himself into rehab — for the third time — this past weekend, in an apparent effort to get sober before the group's upcoming tour with New Kids on the Block, according to TMZ.com. McLean released a statement confirming the report: "With 2011 being a busy year for Backstreet, I want to be healthy and perform & sing for people at my very best and happiest. None of this will affect our current tour plans and I look forward to seeing everyone really soon!" (EXPRESS)

**SURPRISE****Peter Fonda Finds a Dead Body in a Parked Car**

Los Angeles police say Peter Fonda discovered a dead body in a car, and they are investigating the death. The actor called 911 on Wednesday after he spotted a car parked alongside Sunset Boulevard. The call was first reported by TMZ.com, which says Fonda got out of his car and found the man slumped over in the front seat. Fonda is not a suspect. (EXPRESS)

"I made him a quick breakfast of eggs and toast, followed by a spoonful of lemon-flavored flax oil."



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